it? We are doing it because we want that this spine, this staying power, of the developing countries should be enhanced. We are developing a programme of co-operation among the developing countries. We have taken up certain areas as our exclusive responsibility to develop for the benefit of the other developing countries. So, all this has been done during the last two or three years because we believe in it.

We have done our bit on the Environment Programme. Had it not been for India and also other countries? Agenda 21 would not have seen the light of day. I can say that with a certain amount of confidence and responsibility. So, we are going ahead in line with our principle, in line with what we have promised the other developing countries, fellow developing countries, and, at the same time, what we have promised to the whole world because, today, we cannot have an open confrontation. We have to do things without confrontation And, at the same time, we have succeeded in our objectives. This is a much more difficult and complex exercise than whatever we undertook in the past. So. let us be clear about all these things. It is going lo take much harder work hereafter. And we are prepared to do that.

Members also made references to some other countries like China which we should sound. I would not like to say anything on that. My statement mentions that we are prepared to co-operate with other countries. That should be an adequate response to the suggestions given by the Hon. Members. And we are conscious of all these things. China is much closer to us in many respects today because China has the same affinity with the developing countries, it is developing an- affinity with the developing countries, and, therefore, we are more or less on the same wave length. And. therefore, I think, there should be no misunderstanding about the policy we are following.

Madam, I would like to end this here with an invitation for a more detailed discussion on foreign policy on which I also agree that we must have a national consensus now, as we had it for so many years. Since our Independence, we have had it. And, in fact, I have been using this argument. When I have to say that something which I cannot accept should not be forced on me, my argument is that there is no national concensus on this, my Parliament will not agree, the people of India will not agree, and they will not agree if I go ahead with something which goes against the grain of national prestige; I know the people of India will not agree, I know the Parliament will not agree and, therefore, I will not do anything which I know the Parliament is not going to agree to. So. I think, the foreign policy aspects and also this particular matter are in safe hands. There is no worry of any kind called for. And I would like to assure the House thai we will be taking the House into confidence, as I did last year when all the negotiations took place on this cryogenic engine. Thank you, Madam.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Thank you. Now. we will take up further discussion on the Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Bill—Shri Karnal Morarka.

RE. HUNGER STRIKE BY FOUR MPs IN DELHI IN PROTEST AGAINST ABOLITION OF OCTROI IN DELHI

(विपक्ष के नेता) श्री सिकन्दर बख्त : सदर साहिबा, मुझे होम मिनिस्टर साहब से कुछ अर्ज़ करना है । आज हमारी पार्टी के चार मेम्बर आफ पार्लियामेंट दिल्ली में टाउन हाल पर, म्युनिसिपल कारपोरेशन की जगह पर, अनशन पर बैठे हुए हैं और उनका कहना यह है कि सैंट्रल गवर्नमेंट के कहने की वजह से दिल्ली का ऑक्टरॉय खत्म किया गया है । कारपोरेशन के फाइनेंसिस पहले ही बहुत खराब हालत में थे, इस वक्त बिलकुल खराब हो गए हैं । कृपया बताएं कि उसके लिए होम मिनिस्टर साहब क्या कर रहे हैं, यह मेरी गुज़ारिश है ?

†[شری سکندر بخت : صدر صاحبہ ۔ مجھے ہوم منسٹر صاحب سے کچھ عرض کرنا ہے ۔ آج ہماری پارٹی کے چار ممبر آف پارلیمنٹ دِلّی میں ٹاؤن ہال پر میونسپل کارپوریشن کی جگہ پر انشن پر بیٹھے ہوئے ہیں اور اُن کا کہنا یہ ہے کہ سینٹرل گورنمنٹ کے کہنے کی وجہ سے دِلّی کا آکٹرائے ختم کیا گیا ہے ۔ کارپوریشن کے فائنانسز پہلے ہی بہت خراب حالت میں تھے ۔ اس وقت بالکل خراب ہو گئے ہیں ۔ کرپیا بتائیں کے اس کے لئے

† [ ] Transliteration in Arabic Script.

ہوم منسٹر صاحب کیا کر رہے ہیں یہ میری گذارش ہے ۔]

एक माननीय सदस्य : यह ज़ीरो ऑवर नहीं है ।

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त : ज़ीरो ऑवर की बात नहीं है, बल्कि कुछ लोग अनशन पर बैठे हैं और मेरी होम मिनिस्टर साहब से दरख्वास्त है कि वे उसके लिए कुछ रिस्पांड करें ।...(व्यवधान)...

†[شری سکندر بخت :۔ زیرو آور کی بات نہیں ہے بلکہ کچھ لوگ انشن پر بیٹھے ہیں اور میری ہوم منسٹر صاحب سے درخواست ہے کہ وہ اس کے لئے کچھ ریسپانڈ کریں ... "مداخلت" ....]

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN. Shri Karnal Morarka.

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त : मैंने दरख्वास्त की है कि ऑक्टरॉय खत्म होने के बाद ...(व्यवधान)... मिनिस्टर साहब, आप जरा अपने आपको तकलीफ न पहुंचाएं । ज़ीरो ऑवर की बात नहीं कर रहा हूं मैं । आप किला सबब बीच में न झेला करें ।

[شری سکندر بخت : میں نے درخواست کی ہے کہ اکٹرائے ختم ہونے کے بعد... "مداخلت"... منسٹر صاحب۔ آپ ذرا اپنے آپ کو تکلیف نہ پہنچائیں زیرو آور کی بات نہیں کر رہا ہوں۔ آپ بلا سبب بیچ میں نہ بولا کریں ۔

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): I quite appreciate what the hon. Leader of the Opposition is saying. But the Members who are on fast are aware of the fact that I am looking into the matter, and an early decision in this matter will be taken. I have requested Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee also to persuade them not to continue their fast.

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त : शुक्रिया ।

†[شری سکندر بخت : شکریہ]

†[ ] Transliteration in Arabic Script.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I have three things in my mind which I thought I should tell you—not about this Bill, but about the business in the House. There was one statement made by the Home Minister regarding something which happened in Calcutta. I think the matter is resolved now. So, if the House so agrees, we can drop our right of asking clarifications.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA (Rajasthan): About Calcutta I don't know but the statements regarding the Chief Election Commissioner are now out of date.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN I think these two clarifications also, if the House so agrees, we can drop because I see Mr. Bhardwaj coming every day, and if the House so agrees, we can drop *it*

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM (Andhra Pradesh): Agreed.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN* Now we take it that we are not going to have it.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): What about Calcutta ?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : They are not asking clarifications. That is over.

श्री मोहम्मद अमीन (पश्चिम बंगाल) : जो बयान दिया है उस पर हम लोगों को बहुत स्ट्रोंग रिजर्वेशंस हैं । इसलिए उस पर डिस्कसन होना चाहिए । उन्होंने मिसलीड किया है हाउस को ।

उपसभापति : अब आप छोड़िए, दोबारा कभी कर लीजिएगा, अब रहने दीजिए । अपने हाउस में बहुत-सी बिजनेस पड़ी है, उस पर आप बोल लीजिएगा ।

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : इलेक्शन कमीशन के सिलसिले में जो स्टेटमेंट है, उस पर कुछ बातें हमको पूछनी हैं । इलेक्शन कमिशनर ने जो 2 अगस्त को आदेश दिया है उसमें उन्होंने कुछ बातों को कहा है कि दो महीने के बीच में तीन चिट्ठी प्रधान मंत्री को लिखी हैं, दो बार वह प्राईम मिनिस्टर से मिले, उसके बावजूद भी गवर्नमेंट ने कोई एक्शन नहीं लिया । इसलिए मजबूर होकर के दो अगस्त को आदेश दिए । इसलिए बंगाल के बारे में तो आपने बता दिया, लेकिन इलेक्शन कमीशन के बारे में हमको जरूर पूछना है ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : That is why I want to dispose of the Agenda. I do not want the Agenda to be printed again and again with the same thing. We cannot stop this business and ask the Minister to clarify now. We should also

consider that he has to appear before the JPC on the Bill which is to be discussed, that is the religion Bill.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: That is over. For that, they will meet only on 20th morning.

THE DEPUTYCHAIRMAN : I have got one more thing to say. I want to make it clear before the House that we have six minutes for 'Others' when we have a discussion for two hours, and we have 12 minutes for them when we have a discussion for four hours. Now it is impractical if three Members give their names, It is very difficult for one Member to make his points in six minutes. Why do we do such impractical things? So I suggest that you decide among yourselves that on a Bill, let one Member speak and on another Bill let somebody else speak, so that there is a meaningful discussion.

PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA (West Bengal): Today I am surrendering my time to 'Others'.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Willingly accepted. Thank you very much. I appreciate it extremely. We are indebted to you.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: This is a very small Bill and we should dispose it of in 15-20 minutes. Too much time was taken by the Members. I have a very small point to make and I will finish in lesser time than allotted to me.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Your time is six minutes.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: I will take less than six minutes.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I will be very happy.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): We don't believe him.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN He has to prove that we should believe.

STATUTORY RESOLUTION SEEKING DISAPPROVAL THE CONSERVATION OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND PREVENTION OF SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, 1993 AND THE CONSERVATION OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND PREVENTION OF SMUG-GLING ACTICITLIES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1993—*Contd.*

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA (Rajasthan): It is a very small Bill which only seeks to increase the validity of the past provisions by three years. I don't know why we should bring in a lot of policy matters. My friend. Dr. Jain, talked of conservation etc.

I want to pose only two points to the Finance Minister. One is, the Statement of Objects and Reasons mentions one sentence which shows that it has been included without application of mind.

Madam, they are saying in the Statement of Objects and Reasons that the menace of smuggling has not abated. In this very Session of Parliament in reply to my question, an UnStarred question, the Finance Minister said that smuggling has come down. It is in writing. After the decisions you have taken in the Budget, smuggling has come down. Therefore, the Statement of Objects and Reasons should have said that though smuggling has come down, the time is not ripe to take away this provision. But nobody bothers about it. They are indifferent to Parliament. I feel sorry.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): They have put it in a routine manner.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: They should not have done that

The second thing which is said in the Statement of Objects and Reasons is that since the R.DJC explosives had been smuggled into the country, this provision is very important; there is a need for continuing the provision. It is known to the Finance Minister. I have referred to it once in the zero hour also. He was very kind to take up the matter and he also talked to me.

Madam, the point is, smuggling of these deadly explosives on the Western coast particularly, Bombay, has assumed alarming proportions. There is a provision in this Act—it is only a continuation of the existing provision—whereby you can detain not only the smuggler, but you can detain the abettor also. I want to put it to the hon. Finance Minister. It may look unorthodox, but I would suggest to you that the customs officials who have been found to be involved in this smuggling should be detained under the COFEPOSA. Of course, you may prosecute them under the normal laws. We Had one instance in Bombay where you have arrested one Mr. Thapa. But I have seen in the newspapers that the counsel, the advocate.